



# ARCH NEWS

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Dear Compass Park Residents,

As I'm sure each of you have noticed in the recent months, changes are abound all over our beautiful campus. Our Board of Directors and Leadership Team is excited to announce that we are almost 1 year into the new name Compass Park, Central Indiana's vibrant 55+ community with a unique character, historic charm and special warmth.

Upholding our values of community and friendship, the new identity allows us to stay true to our campus' Masonic roots while also opening our doors to an entirely new audience of potential residents. The Indiana Masonic Home has been a sanctuary to thousands of residents over the last century, and we view Compass Park as a natural extension of this rich history. The campus may have a new name, but our values remain the same.

Working closely with Hirons, an Indianapolis-based advertising and branding agency, Compass Park's new identity also features an exciting new online presence. A new website, [compasspark.org](http://compasspark.org), was launched this past spring, where prospective residents will be able to learn all about our lifestyle options and community amenities, research available properties and schedule a campus tour. For current residents, the website will also have a frequently updated events calendar to stay up to date with upcoming gatherings and a blog, where you can learn more about your neighbors, new campus features and more.

We've also updated our Facebook page to reflect the campus new identity, and will be posting regularly to promote Compass Park even further. We'll be featuring many of our new web capabilities on the Facebook page, but it's also a wonderful platform with which we can show our new audience just how wonderful this community really is.

This is where all of you can make a difference. We encourage each of you to like us on Facebook and get the conversation flowing. If you have any ideas for blog features, including the stories of our many wonderful residents, please get in touch and let us know your thoughts. Wonderful things are on the horizon for Compass Park, and we want all of you to be a part of the experience.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns. We're lucky to have each of you as our neighbors and friends, and can't wait to see this community grow.

Sincerely,

Mike Spencer, Executive Director

## **New DON - Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center**

My name is Marissa Meahl. I live in Brownstown with my husband Steve and we have three children. My step-sons are Ryan (19) and Kobe (14) and our daughter is Brooke (9). Kobe attends school in Hope and Brooke goes to school at Lutheran Central in Brownstown. My husband grew up in Vallonia and I am originally from Lakeville, Minnesota. It is about 20 minutes south of Minneapolis. I came to Indiana to play basketball at IUPUI. My husband and I met through a friend and teammate of mine from Seymour and that is how I ended up in the Seymour and Brownstown area. I have been a nurse for 12 years and have spent all of that time in long term care. I started my career as a floor nurse, then moved to Unit Manager, Assistant Director of Nursing, and then Director of Nursing. I have spent the last 5 years in a Director of Nursing role. I am very happy to be here and to be a part of the exciting projects that will make Indiana Masonic Home an even better place to live.

Sincerely, Marissa Meahl

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### IMPORTANT DATES

- \* 09/01/2016 CAMPUS WIDE COOK-OUT
- \* 09/05/2016 LABOR DAY- AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER CLOSED
- \* 09/11/2016 69TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL KICKING IT MASONIC STYLE
- \* 09/14/2016 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MEETING WITH RESIDENTS IN RANSFORD CHAPEL FROM 1:30PM-3:00PM
- \* 9/23/2016 GOLF CART DRIVE-IN MOVIE
- \* 10/10/2016 COLUMBUS DAY
- \* 10/15/2016 RESIDENT FALL DANCE

### AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER, DETAILS TO FOLLOW

- \* 10/21/2016 100TH YEAR TO THE DATE FIRST RESIDENT-RECEPTION IN THE AFTERNOON AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER /DETAILS TO FOLLOW
- \* 10/31/2016 HALLOWEEN
- \* 11/06/2016 NETTIE RANSFORD DAY
- \* 11/08/2016 ELECTION DAY
- \* 11/11/2016 VETERAN'S DAY

**COMPASS PARK**  
INDIANA MASONIC HOME



## **Anderson, Vermeulen Join Foundation Staff**

Diana Anderson and Eric Vermeulen joined the staff of the Indiana Masonic Home Foundation (IMHF) in April 2016 as Development Officers, with primary responsibility of raising major and planned gifts from members and friends of the Masonic community in Indiana. They also represent IMHF at conferences and special events and make presentations to Masonic and community organizations.

Diana graduated from the University of Iowa with a degree in Business Administration after growing up in the great Hawkeye state. She brings 25 years of nonprofit fundraising and management experience to the role. Her heart has always led her to support causes which benefit the poor, the elderly, and those disadvantaged on the margins of our society. Diana previously held positions with the Kiwanis International Foundation, Church World Service, and Volunteers of America.

She enjoys sports of all kinds (almost exclusively now as a spectator only!), loves animals, reading nonfiction/history, and solving crossword and jigsaw puzzles. She plays many addictive games, as well, i.e. Candy Crush, on her iPad mini! Diana lives in Indianapolis with her spouse, two loving and mischievous cats, and one little Pekingese doggie.

Eric grew up in Whiteland, and began his Masonic journey there as a member of Centennial Chapter, Order of DeMolay. He earned a B.A. in English and telecommunications from Indiana University at Bloomington and a J.D. from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law.

Eric is a Past Master of Frank S. Land Lodge #758 and Past President of the Murat Shrine DeMolay Unit. He currently serves as Junior Warden in the Rose Croix Line of the Indianapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite. DeMolay also continues to be a focal point for Eric as a member of Indiana DeMo

lay's Grant-Hamill Foundation Board of Directors and as Chairman of Speedway Chapter's Advisory Council.

During nearly a decade with the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Eric served as Director of the agency's Morgan County office, Regional Manager for West Central Indiana and State Deputy Director for Family Preservation. He later worked as Director of Member Services for both the Indiana Health Care Association, a nursing home trade association and Sigma Theta Tau, a worldwide nursing honor society.

Eric and his wife, Andrea, have three sons – Jake, Griffin and Owen. They live in Brownsburg, with their dogs Zeb and Olive and attend All Souls Unitarian Church. Jake was elected State Master Councilor of Indiana DeMolay for 2016-17, and Griffin is moving through the progressive line at Speedway Chapter.

Eric has been an IU football season ticket holder since 1985. He is ever optimistic that a Rose Bowl berth for the Hoosiers is just a season away.

Contact Diana and Eric at 317-637-9582.

Jeff Zaring, PGM, Executive Director at the Indiana Masonic Home Foundation

**Thanks to everyone for contributions and sponsorships at the 16th Annual Grand Master's IMH Compass Park Open.**

**This was a huge success and we are looking forward to next year's Golf Outing.**

**Please Save the Date  
07/26/2017**



### Community Leadership

**Mike Spencer**

Executive Director

**Jenna Butler**

Executive Administrative  
Assistant

**Todd Smith**

Administrator at Skilled  
Nursing & Rehabilitation  
Center

**Marissa Meahl**

DON at Skilled Nursing &  
Rehabilitation Center

**Mike Hayden**

CFO

**Chad Davis**

Director of Business  
Development

**Kat Cooper**

Director of Human  
Resources

### COUNTING THE DAYS. . . .

My head, covered with a hard hat allowed me entry last week into the MB *New Construction Zone* on a tour led by our Executive Director and his Administrative Assistant to view the New and Improved Arch Gift Shop! It was all I had wished for and more! Bright, airy, roomy and wonderful!

The Gift Shop is located just in back of the stairs on the right of the hall, with the Chaplain's office beyond, and the 'Bridal Suite' next to that. The Library is located just across the hall. Library for books and tapes, with a computer room, library table and chairs, and viewing machine. At present, it's just a 'work in progress'. (The *Bridal Suite*, I am told, will be used as the 'changing room' for bridal parties in the Community Center!)

The Gift Shop is bright with three (3) exterior windows, ceiling lights galore, side door glass, and a display window opening onto the corridor.

My mind was whirling while imagining what and where merchandise could be displayed to their best advantage! I saw a front counter, a back counter, and storage cabinet already in place.

It was a wonderful feeling to be in a 21<sup>st</sup> century atmosphere within this beautiful century old edifice! The contrast is startling and exciting!

Mike and Jenna led me to their new quarters – at the front of the hall/building. Their beautifully laid out suite of rooms consists of Jenna's office leading into Mike's bright and airy window-lined office, as well as the small waiting room, Mike's elegant conference room with a fireplace, bookcases and kitchen bar.

This entire suite embraces the grace and charm intended for an executive office setting. Let me not forget to remind you that this suite opens out to the beautiful new columned porch/veranda for even more ambience.

I still am 'glowing' to imagine what is to come when the transformation of the Main Building is complete! (And yes, as a resident of Ball Brothers I anxiously await that same feeling for our building's transformation.)

At present, the connector between MB and AL is in the formative stage; the foundation has been laid and is ready for the final work.

Only took me 30 minutes to scrape and scratch and scrub the wheels of sprayed and crusted and glued white, grey and 'sticky stuff' off the wheels and the lower 8" of my rollator, as well as the soles of my shoes!

It was worth every particle of grime! Thanks, Mike! *You made my day!*

Sharon Anness, Resident



**69TH ANNUAL  
COMPASS PARK  
FESTIVAL**

**KICKING**

**IT**

**MASONIC  
STYLE**

**OPEN  
TO THE  
PUBLIC!**

**LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS**

## **Attention All**

**There will be no parking of any  
vehicles/golf carts around the  
circle on festival day.**

**We will be shuttling all residents  
and community folks.**

# ***THE OLD OAK TREE***

Part Two of Three

## **'Play Ball'**

By Al Anness

Evening breezes dropped from cool to cold under the *Old Oak Tree* as the members of the '*can you remember society*' reluctantly closed the book on 2015, and retired to the warmth of their homes to wait out winter's wrath!

Serenity at the Indiana Masonic Home this past winter has been continually broken by an army of craftsmen busily restoring the Main Building, and joined this spring by a band of roofers who with wild abandon have been noisily replacing leaking roof tiles.

Slowly as winter gave way to spring, my interest in Carolyn Imel's success as a Baseball Umpire only intensified. Then, on an early warm spring day after a fine Bistro lunch with Carolyn, my curiosity was rewarded when in answer to my inquiry as to why she became a baseball umpire Carolyn replied ***she needed the money to continue her college education!***

A Hoosier from scratch, Carolyn was born in 1953 just one minute before her identical twin sister Marilyn. She hit the ground as a 'tomboy' preferring Cowboys and Indians to Barbie Dolls. Christmas found Marilyn with a Barbie Doll under the tree while Carolyn received a pair of pearl-handled six shooters and a cowboy hat! The Christmas she received a hunting knife, older Brother Jerry was hard pressed to keep his scalp! Between episodes of tracking down stage coach robbers and horse thieves, Carolyn began helping her Dad and brother with the farm chores while occasionally playing a game of catch with Jerry. Marilyn helped their Mother while Carolyn learned to drive a tractor, rake and bale hay. She drove the tractor for planting and later harvesting the corn, wheat and soy beans!

Becoming a competent farm hand with a well-developed work ethic, Carolyn's father began 'hiring her out' to neighboring farms, and to her displeasure kept her hard earned wages! Working on the family farm for 'feed and found' was one thing, but for all others, labors were 'cash on the barrel head!' Carolyn wanted to become a school teacher and as her parents had made it absolutely clear the cost of her college education would be hers to bear, Carolyn therefore, at an early age began saving every penny!

Organized soft ball entered Carolyn's world in the spring of 1967. The only slot open on the team was the catcher's position for which she quickly developed an affinity. She was a quick study on learning the rules of the game, and how the role an umpire played in keeping the game moving to a fair conclusion!

The fall of 1968 Carolyn entered Peru's Maconaquah High School, named for Miami Indian Francis Slocum. Played varsity girls volley ball, in basketball averaged 28 points per game, track found her running the first leg of the 440 relay, and she ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the State in the softball throw! Carolyn was elected President of the Girls Athletic Association and academically became a member the Honor Role!

After graduating from Maconaquah High School in the spring of 1972, she invested \$180 in necessary gear, and actively began umpiring baseball games. A lucrative source of income that Carolyn would pursue over the next nine years! She worked during the day and umpired in the evening and weekends.

Spring 1974 found Carolyn completing her second year at Ball State, however, not having sufficient funds for her junior and senior years she had to leave college. With boundless resolve this five foot three brown eyed bundle of energy and determination packed her belongings and returned home to her parent's farm near Peru in Miami County to begin earning funds to complete her education. Seven years would pass from the time she started before she would receive her degree from Ball State University.

**PART THREE.** 'Batter Up' while umpiring her way into Indiana baseball history Carolyn earned her Bachelor of Science!

**DON'T FORGET THE 69<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COMPASS  
PARK FESTIVAL ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2016**

**FROM 9AM -5PM**

